

Reception Summer Term

Mickle Trafford Village School



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the spring break; I can't believe it's the summer term already! I am sure the children are eager to return to share their news and catch up with their friends. I'm looking forward to getting stuck in and can't wait for the children to experience many exciting things including our class school trip, sports day and transition sessions ready for Year One! The children will also be welcomed back to school by our class caterpillars! We can't wait to observe their growth over this half term and look forward to releasing them once they transform into butterflies!

The school day



We will continue our same morning routine. The children will enter the classroom through the Reception entrance door and organise themselves for the day. In preparation for Year One, you may want to start saying goodbye to your child at the Reception gate and allowing them to walk into the classroom independently. Please let me know at drop off if there are any changes to your child's day e.g. after school club or different family members picking up. If you do not let me know in the morning, this may cause delay at pick up time as we will have to call to confirm. Each morning, the children will continue to self-register by reading a sentence and writing their answer.

They also enjoy reading a story with a friend on the carpet and will continue to identify their feelings using our 'colour monster feelings jars'.

Fresh water bottles are needed daily. They will be stored on the shelf in the classroom, easily accessible by the children. We are a healthy eating school, therefore promote water rather than squash or juice. We encourage the children to sit with their water bottles at several times during the day to have a drink. Their water bottle is always available in the classroom at all times and once empty, the children are able to refill. Now that the weather is warming up, we will have 'water monitors' who will take our water bottle crates onto the yard during lunch play. **Please make sure your child's water bottle is named.**



A fruit snack is still available to the children on a daily basis during rolling snack where the children are encouraged to help themselves. The fruit varies from day to day and can be anything from raisins, apples, bananas, pears etc. If your child is selective of the fruits they will eat, please provide a fruit snack you know they will enjoy, in a named container. Remember to tell your child you

have put a snack in their bags, so they remember to eat it.



We still provide the children with a drink of milk during their day at school, if they choose to take it. The Government provides free milk to children under 5 and school will continue to provide milk for your child throughout their time in Reception.

Reading & Phonics

We read with the children every single day, during our phonics sessions. During these sessions, the children will either learn a new sound or recap a known sound, read green and red (non-decodable) words, read alien (nonsense) words, apply their phonics to writing words and sentences as well as read their weekly book with a partner. Each day during the reading aspect, children will focus on different things such as decoding green words, spotting red words, adding intonation by 'colouring' the words or comprehension where they will answer questions about the story content. We also offer one to one phonics sessions if your child needs it, to ensure they are keeping up with the sounds we are teaching. We will continue to change the children's reading books and bed time stories every Friday. Please ensure homework bags are returned every Wednesday, to ensure enough time is given for change over and celebrating homework. You will also find a summary slip in their reading diaries which provides you with details of what your child has focussed on during phonics that week. Please see the Read Write Inc. information slides uploaded to our class website page if you would like further information about how you can help at home.

PE

The children will continue to have their formal P.E. session on **Thursday** afternoons. The children will continue getting changed for P.E by themselves in school. Therefore, please ensure your child's P.E kit is on their pegs at all times (this is also helpful for spare clothing). As much as we want to promote independence, staff will of course support the children with getting changed. Please can you also practise this at home as much as possible to support us in school. Thank you. This term we are focusing on balls skills including throwing, catching, kicking and rolling with aim and athletics. The children will be mostly outdoors (weather dependent), so please ensure your child has a pair of trainers in their PE bag. Thank you.

The weather

Now we have finally got some sunshine, please can I remind you to send your child to school with a sun hat each day. We ensure children wear their hats whenever they are playing outside. Sun cream is also necessary on warmer days as the children will have lots of opportunities to be outside. Please apply sun cream before school (the long lasting one is best) as we are unable to do this for the children in school. Please can I remind you to make sure jumpers and cardigans are named. It can be colder in the mornings and as the day progresses it becomes tricky for us to locate jumpers to their owners if they are not clearly named. The lost property box is located at the front office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Montgomery & the EYFS Team